(d) if so, under what provision of DPCO, 1987 the amount over-charged by the producers could be recovered and what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) While answering Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 652 on 5-9-1991, it was, *inter alia,* stated that BICP had pointed out certain anomalies and sought clarification thereon from the Department. These were sorted out subsequently. In the meantime price of Analgin was revised upwards by the Government. The present price of Analgin is higher than the pre-reduced price.

(c) and (d) Under paragraph 14 of the DPCO, 1987, Government has power to recover dues which have accrued on account of actions under the DPCO, 1979 into the Drugs Price Equalisation Account (DPEA). Further, under paragraph 15 of DPCO, 1987, Government is empowered to recover the amount accrued due to charging of prices higher than those fixed or notified by the Government under DPCO, 1987.

Prices of Price Decontrolled Medicines

1325. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of price decontrolled medicines have gone up from 100 per cent to 900 per cent after the announcement of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) what was the price of Triperial Tablets pack of 60, Honvan Tablets pack of 20, Honvan Injection ml, Colospa Tablets strip of 10 Tablets, Shield 15 grms, Jetomisol-I One Tablet before the announcement of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 and what is the price in the month of November, 1991;

(c) what is the name of each producer, indication for which each is used, composition of each and name of bulk drug on which each is based; and

(d) what is the price of bulk drug, meterial cost and MAPE taken in each break up submitted by the producer as required under Drugs Price Control Order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Number of decontrolled formulations runs into thousands. It would therefore, not be possible to comment if the increase has been of the order of 100 per cent to 900 per cent. However, it may be noted that the wholesale price index for drugs and medicines, both controlled and decontrolled, has gone up from 122 in 1986-87 to 150 in 1990-91. Whole sale price Index for all commodities has gone up from 133 to 183 during the same period (Base 1981-82=100). Moreover, in case of unusual increase in the prices of non-scheduled formulations, Government intervenes. However this can be enforced only when the pre-tax return on sales turnover of the unit exceeds the limits prescribed in the Fifth Schedule to DPCO, 1987.

(b) to (d) Efforts required to collect the information would not be commensurate with the results that are likely to be achieved.

Non-furnishing of data by M/s. Hoechst

1326. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hoechst did not make available the entire data in accordance with the High Court Judgement;

(b) if so, what steps have been taker to report back to High Court;

(c) whether it is a fact that recovery of the amount due is not pressed into operation by Government through the Collector despite the fact that the company has not compiled with the Court Order;

(d) what steps Government have taken in the absence of non-furnishing of data by the company; and

(e) since when the recovery is pending and what are the implications of delay in recovery of 78 crores already assessed against the company;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The Company has not yet made available the entire data for the period after 25-8-1987 in a number of cases and this default on its part has been noted for appropriate action at the relevant time. In the event of the complete data not becoming available from the Company, the Government will have no alternative but to make use of whatever data that becomes available from other sources to enable determination of the liability of the Company and passing of a speaking order, in accordance with the order dated 8th March, 1991 of the Bombay High Court. The question of effecting the recovery of the amount (alongwith interest from the date of default) will be taken up thereafter as admissible under the law.

Reduction in the Prices of Insulin

1327. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1673 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Insulin was reduced from Rs. 14970 per MU o Rs. 13391 per MU on 6th March, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the impact of reduction in the price of bulk drug was not passed on to consumer;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the basis on which the producer increased the prices of finished medicines and whether the producer took permission to increase the prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Cell to monitor the prices of medicines;

(f) if so, who heads this work in Pharmaceutical Division; and

(g) what are their findings and what action has been taken by the monitoring cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The companies fix their own prices for formulations which are not under price control under the DPCO, 1987. The company has been selling the product 'Insulin' under the generic name which is exempt from price control under the provisions of DPCO 1987. The increase in prices of this product as per the information available has been because of high escalation in costs of the major raw materials.

(e) to (g) The pharmaceutical division in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is incharge of the work relating to Monitoring of the pricees of medicines. This division *inter-alia* keeps watch over the prices of decontrolled medicines.

Prices of Bulk Drugs

1328. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1668 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs for which prices have been reduced till date after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987;

(b) what were their earlier and reduced prices datewise;